

BURY FOOTBALL CLUB



FOOTBALL LEAGUE GROUP CUP COMPETITION
Bury v Chester, Saturday, 15th August, 1981, kick off 3.15 p.m.
Bury v Bolton Wanderers, Tuesday, 18th August, 1981 kick off 7.30 p.m.
Bury v Shrewsbury Town, Saturday, 22nd August, 1981, kick off 3.15 p.m.

MATCH PROGRAMME 15p

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★	★	★	★	★
Chesterfield	Doncaster R	★	Lincoln C	Notts Co
Grimsby T	Sheffield U	★	Norwich C	Peterboro U
★	★	★	★	★
Bolton W	Bury	★	Newport Co	Plymouth A
Chester	Shrewsbury	★	AFC B'mth	Torquay U
★	★	★	★	★
Aldershot	Oxford U	★	Gillingham	Orient
Reading	Watford	★	Southend U	Watford
★	★	★	★	★

EDITORIAL

The new season gets under way this week with a new tournament providing three matches in a competitive atmosphere for players, new and old, to show their paces. Gone are the days when the First Team took on the Reserves, or the Reds met the Blues in a meaningless exercise, and supporters will agree that our involvement in the Anglo-Scottish Cup over the past two years was a worthwhile and enterprising venture. Entertainment there was for good measure — remember John Forrest as a substitute operating on the right wing against Oldham last season! Unfortunately the Anglo-Scottish Cup is no more, the Scottish clubs becoming disenchanted with the absence of big English "names" (and perhaps with their own lack of success, typified by our well deserved double over Premier League side Airdrie).

In its place the Football League Group Cup Competition allows a similar pre-season series of warm-up games, with our fixtures against Chester and Shrewsbury sandwiching Tuesday's attractive derby against local rivals Bolton Wanderers, which should draw a good crowd. Already our lads have played a couple of friendlies, winning the opener at St. Helens Town last Saturday, and travelling to Bangor City on Monday, with a view to tuning up for the season.

Behind the scenes activity has gathered pace, with three players being signed in July. Noel Bradley, previously on loan at Gigg Lane, and famed for his enormous long throws, has been joined by Mark Hilton from Oldham and Steve Kenworthy from Wrexham, all of them young players with the chance to further their careers at Bury. At the time of going to press negotiations for a goalkeeper were progressing as Mr. Iley continued with his search to complete the five new signings he wants to replace the players discarded last May and the transferred Neville Southall and Alan Whitehead.

The Club's Programme takes a new form this season, with a 32 page colour production selling at 30 pence. Considerably expanded from last season it includes reading matter to interest everyone, and will be on sale from a new Programme Shop to be built at the Manchester Road entrance, and from sellers near the turnstiles.

So the scene is set, and in two short weeks the new season kicks off on the traditional long haul, encompassing the full variety of English weather, on pitches hard and soft, through to next May. Welcome Back!

The Editor.

Welcome to the Seals



For the first clash in this new competition, we welcome our old friends Chester, and especially greet Alan Oakes, their player-manager, who amazingly began his playing career back in 1959! That was with his only other club, Manchester City, for whom he made a club record 565 League appearances, gaining in the process a Division Two champions' medal in 1966, Division One champions 1968, F.A. Cup winners 1969, League Cup Winners 1970, and finally a medal from the European Cup Winners' Cup, also in 1970. He took over from Ken Roberts as manager in 1976.

Chester, themselves, were founded in 1884 upon the amalgamation of Chester Rovers and Kings School Old Boys. Whilst playing at their early homes of Faulkner St., then the old Showground, they won the Cheshire Senior Cup in 1895 and 1897, completing a hat-trick in 1904, the year they moved into the Whipcord Lane ground. Two years later saw the club make its last move, to its present 20,000 capacity Sealand Road Stadium, and before gaining admission to the Football League, again won the Senior Cup in 1909 and 1931, as well as the Cheshire County League championship in 1922, 1926 and 1927, snatching the League Cup for good measure in '24.

Success in the Cheshire League prompted the club to try for membership of the Football League, although their first two attempts proved fruitless, gaining just two votes in '28 and none at all in '29. However Nelson's plea for re-election gave way to Chester's cause in 1931, although it is interesting to note that since they were founder-members of the Cheshire League back in 1919, their move into higher circles would not allow them to ignore their previous position, and they subsequently replaced themselves in the C.C.L. with their reserve team, which played on there until 1969!

Success has largely passed the Seals by though since entry was gained. Their one and only success came at the end of season '74/'75 when they pipped Lincoln City on goal difference for the fourth promotion spot from Division Four. That same season saw an astonishing run in the League Cup, where eventual winners Aston Villa narrowly defeated them in the semi-final.

Since '75 Chester have confirmed their status as a Third Division club, and no doubt as a new season begins, dreams of a move to Division Two will be uppermost in the minds of all concerned with the old city club.



Alan Oakes, Player-Manager, formerly of Manchester City who is now commencing his sixth season with Chester.



Trevor Phillips, signed from Hull City for a club record fee of £35,000 in March, 1980, shortly before Ian Rush left the Seals for Liverpool in a £300,000 deal.

After a disappointing record last season Trevor is expected to figure prominently in the Chester line-up this time.



Gary Simpson, Chester's only close season signing who came to Sealand Road from Chesterfield for £6,000 last week.

Gary's League appearances for his home town club were restricted to less than 50 and he is hoping to stake a regular claim to one of Chester's striking positions.

Welcome the Trotters



Back Row: Mike Graham, Dave Hoggan, Terry Poole, Chris Thompson, Mike Bennett, Peter Reid. Middle Row: Tadcusz Nowak, Dave Clement, Mike Walsh, Dennis Peacock, Len Cantello, Peter Nicholson, Brian Kidd. Front Row: Alan Gowling, Phil Wilson, Dave Burke, Neil Whatmore, Mike Carter, Paul Jones.

It is a pleasure as always to welcome our near neighbours from Bolton to Gigg Lane for another "derby" match.

George Mulhall, recently appointed manager on his return to the club, following a stint in charge at Bradford City, where he previously worked as assistance to Ian Greaves, brings his team, minus George Best. Hopes were high in the town last month that the wayward genius may venture back into League football, but despite the crossing of thousands of fingers, Best finally decided that America was the place for him.

Life for Wanderers, one of the 12 founder members of the Football League, began back in 1874 as Christ Church F.C. (the church used to be in Blackburn St.) with a donation of 6d (2½p) from each member to enable them to buy a ball! After a disagreement with the vicar of Christ Church, their first president, in 1877 the name was changed to Bolton Wanderers. Early games were played on Park Recreation Ground and Cockle's Field before they moved to Pike Lane in 1881. A final move to Burnden Park came in 1895.

The club was one of the first to pay its players, but as this was strictly against Football Association rules (officially Professionalism was accepted in 1885), the F.A., no doubt aware of the rumours, appointed a commission to look into the clubs books. However they were unable to find anything amiss, although it is thought club officials had sat up all the previous night re-writing a new set!

Over the years, Wanderers have always been regarded as one of the bigger clubs in the country, although the 1st Division championship has eluded them (3rd was their highest placing in 1892, 1921 and 1925). The Division Two championship was theirs however in 1909, and 1978, the latter after two frustrating near misses. Runners-up medals for that division were struck in 1900, 1905, 1911 and 1935. After their only spell in Division 3, that championship was also won in 1973. Those successes together with F.A. Cup Final wins in 1923 (Wembley's first) 1926, 1929 and 1958, and runners-up medals in 1894, 1904 and 1953 (that classic Matthews' final) show how well their reputation is founded.

Last season, after relegation from Division One the previous season, was somewhat disappointing although there's a much healthier atmosphere in the town as this current campaign is about to start. Few would argue that a return to the top flight would be inappropriate for Wanderers.

GERRY McELHINNEY (Defender). Signed from Distillery at the beginning of this season, a former Gaelic footballer and amateur boxer who made his debut for the Wanderers on the 6th September against Bristol Rovers. An aggressive, enthusiastic defender.

PAUL JONES (Defender). Paul is a tall, quick-tackling defender who has been a member of the Under-23 and full England squads. He is a commanding player in the air as well as on the ground and has a habit of scoring vital goals. Can also play at full back with distinction.

LEN CANTELLO (Midfield). Len cost the Wanderers a record £350,000 fee when he signed from West Bromwich Albion in June, 1979. He is the sort of midfielder who delights in stamping his authority on a game. Always looking for a chance to attack he is an exciting player with an eye for seeing an unexpected opening.

DUSAN NIKOLIC (Midfield). Signed from Red Star Belgrade in September this season to strengthen the midfield. Yugoslavian born, has represented his country at Senior International level on four occasions and also has eleven Under 23 Caps and 24 Youth International Caps. Has played for Red Star in European Competitions every season since 1970.

MIKE CARTER (Forward). A highly talented striker with an ability to score spectacular goals. Mike had a spell on loan with Mansfield in the '78-79 season making 18 League appearances and scoring four goals. He made his League debut for Wanderers against Bristol City in December, 1979 and scored his first League goal later that month in the dying seconds to snatch a home point against Everton at Burnden Park after coming on as substitute.

MICK BENNETT (Defender). A member of the successful England Youth squad which won this summer's European Youth Championships in East Germany. Mick is one of the most promising youngsters in the game. Made his League debut against Everton at Goodison Park in April and has played at full-back and in midfield. Bolton born, he joined the Wanderers as a schoolboy, becoming an apprentice in June last year and signing full professional forms six months later.

Paul Hilton — Player of the Season 1980-81



"Paul Hilton's well directed header finds the net for our injury time equaliser in last season's closing fixture, against promoted Lincoln City...."

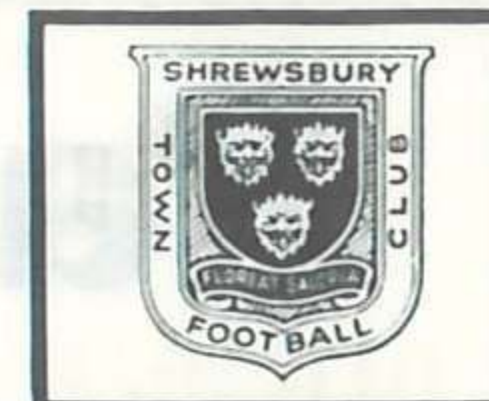


....."Before Paul Breen's free to return to the Bury defence with his colleague Alan Whitehead. The next day Paul received his trophy as Bury's Player of the Season — a well deserved honour."



"....resulting in Paul being mobbed by our young supporters, to the disappointment of Lincoln's Welsh 'keeper David Felgate, hands on hips...."

Welcome the Town



STANDING: Graham Hawkins (Coach); John Keay; Tony Larkin; Ian Atkins; Glyn Jones; Bob Wardle; Colin Griffin; Carleton Leonard; David Tong; Wayne Jones (Trainer). **SITTING:** Jim Lindsay; John Dungworth; Brian Coyne; John King; Graham Turner (Manager); Steve Biggins; Dean Edwards; Steve Cross; Paul Petts.

For our final game in this new competition we welcome Shrewsbury Town to Gigg Lane, for the match originally scheduled to be played at Gay Meadow.

Our visitors are one of the newer league clubs, having been elected in 1950, after failing in their quest on several previous occasions — 1935, 1936, 1937, 1938 and 1949.

The club was formed back in 1886, although there was known to be a 'Town' club as early as 1876. One of their earliest successes came in 1890-91 when they beat Wrexham 5-2 in the Welsh F.A. Cup Final. They competed in the Birmingham League for many years, before progressing to the Midland League — the top league for non-league soccer in that area — in 1937. It was an inspired move, for they won the championship during the first season! After the war, 1948 saw them again clinch the title, and two years later, admission to Division Three (North) of the Football League was the prize.

Due to the club's geographical position, North became South as far as the Third Division was concerned twelve months later, and there they remained until the formation of Division Four in 1958. Alas for Shrewsbury, they were founder members, having finished in the lower reaches the previous season. They spent just one year there before rejoining Division Three. Their spell in the Third was a long one, although we were partly responsible for this as we pipped them for promotion to Division Two in 1968. The end of season '73/74 saw our two clubs pass one another as we moved up whilst Shrewsbury again moved down to taste life in the basement. However it was a short-lived move, for twelve months later promotion was secured in runners-up spot. Four years later, Shrewsbury rejoiced as they won the Third Division Championship, and despite the sceptics predicting instant relegation, Town, under the guiding hand of player-manager Graham Turner, have consolidated their position in Division Two.

To add to their recent successes, the club also won the Welsh F.A. Cup again in 1977 and 1979, the latter being their fourth such victory.

IAN ATKINS. Birmingham born Ian, joined Shrewsbury from school as an apprentice and signed full professional on his 18th birthday. Since then he has appeared in the team at centre half, mid-field and centre forward and at the end of last season had made 199 appearances for The Town.

STEPHEN CROSS. Twenty year old Steve is another player who joined Shrewsbury from school and signed full time on completion of his apprenticeship. Stands 5ft. 11ins. and weighs 10st. 4lbs. Wolverhampton born Steve has played in all departments.

JOHN DUNGWORTH. Signed from Aldershot in November, 1979 and from then until the end of the season only missed one game and scored 7 goals. Was born in Rotherham and has had experience with Huddersfield, Barnsley (on loan), Oldham and Rochdale (on loan). Height 6ft. Weight 10st. 7lbs.

COLIN GRIFFIN. Colin started his career as an apprentice at Derby County and he joined Shrewsbury in 1975/76 season for a five figure fee. Married, with two daughters, Colin usually plays in the centre of the defence although on occasions he has played at left full back. Born in Dudley.

JOHN KING. Jake has been the regular right full back at Shrewsbury, his only club, for the past 7 seasons. A married man born in Drumchapel, Glasgow, he is 5ft. 10ins. and weighs 11st. 7lbs. A quick, strong tackler, Jake has on occasions played in mid-field and would not know how to give less than 100%.

CARLETON LEONARD. Born in Oswestry, Shropshire, Carleton has been a regular left full back for Shrewsbury for the past four seasons. A married man, he stands 5ft. 10ins. and weighs 10st. 12lbs. Carleton attended the Oswestry Boys' High School, with whom he played in the Final of the E.S.F.A. Trophy. He joined Shrewsbury straight from school and made 17 league appearances in his first season after leaving school.

ROSS MACLAREN. Signed at the beginning of the season after having a free transfer from Glasgow Rangers. This 18 year old was born in Edinburgh.

PAUL PETTS. Signed at the beginning of the season from Bristol Rovers. Was born in Hackney, London and is 19 years of age. Is an English Youth International and made 9 first team appearances for Bristol whilst still an apprentice.

GRAHAM TURNER. Former England Youth player, appointed Player/Manager at the end of 1978. Graham joined Shrewsbury for a five figure fee in season 1972/73. Born at Ellesmere Port he started his career at Wrexham with whom he made his league debut whilst still a 16 year old ground staff boy. Although he began as a centre half, he featured more often in a midfield role. Married, with four children, Graham stands 5ft. 11ins. and weighs 11st. 10lbs.

DAVID TONG. Midfield dynamo signed from Blackpool for £25,000 in September, 1978. Dave is married with a young family and stands 5ft. 8ins. and weighs 10st. 6lbs. Born Blackpool. Ever present last season and was voted 'Player of the Year' for 1979/80.

ROBERT WARDLE. A fine young Goalkeeper, Bob was born in Halifax and is 5ft. 11ins. and weighs 11st. 11lbs. Started his career at Bristol City, his favourite other team, where he was an apprentice and played in the F.A. Youth Cup Final. Spent two more seasons at Ashton Gate after his apprenticeship and joined Shrewsbury at the start of the 1974/75 season.

PAUL JOHNSON. A defender signed from Stoke City at the end of season 1980/81. He was born in Stoke and is 5'6" tall and weighs 11st. 10lbs.

Bury F.C. Supporters' Association

NEWS!! NEWS!! NEWS!!

SOCIAL EVENTS

Next cabaret at the Social Club is on the eve of the League kick-off, **FRIDAY, 28th AUGUST**, when topping the bill, from T.V.'s "The Comedians" is **IVOR DAVIES**. Also on the bill is top comedy showgroup **JUDE BROWN**, and plans are in-hand for our first "Miss Bury F.C.S.A." Personality Girl contest, compered by **JOHN ROBINSON JR.** As well as the usual liquid refreshments, food is also available, along with a Disco, so a good night is guaranteed!

Tickets are priced at just £1.50 for members, and £2.50 for guests. (As membership of the Association is just £1 — £2 including Social Club subs — it would seem worthwhile to join and thus save money on forthcoming events). Tickets can be purchased from the Social Club or from committee members. It's also possible there may be a few available at the door on the night, but to be assured, get your tickets in advance.

The following Thursday, 3rd September, we are holding a "**HORSE RACING MEETING**" on film at the Social Club, from 8 p.m. For those who have been to one of these events before, you will already know what a great night's entertainment they provide. For those who haven't — come along, enjoy yourself, and maybe win a few bob as well! Entry is not by ticket — just turn up on the night!

Then we have our previously postponed "Meet the Players" Dance, to be held at the Social Club on Tuesday, 8th September from 8 p.m. Hopefully most of the players will be present, and as well as a Disco, local group "Triangle" will be providing the live entertainment. It's only £1, or £1.50 if you are not an Association member, and although tickets are available, it will be possible to pay at the door on the night. Bar snack refreshments will, as usual, be available.

Later in September, we have our monthly cabaret night at the Social club, and also a "Sportsmans Dinner". More news on these two events as the season unfolds!

Anyone who is not yet a member, and who wishes to join, 1981 membership is still open, and membership forms are available at the Social Club — just £1 if you are a Social Club member, of £2, if not, to include Social Club membership.

TRAVEL NEWS

Most of you will remember that we took over arrangements for Away game Travel mid-way through last season. We are pleased to state that it was well worth doing, as, despite a rather mixed season, result-wise, the response was tremendous. So this season we are hoping to extend the arrangements, and hopefully on a number of occasions, we'll be running more than one coach.

Don't forget that we:-

- ★ **GUARANTEE** Coach Travel to **EVERY** Away Game.
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First games to be covered this season are:-

★ **SATURDAY, 5th SEPTEMBER**, Division Four
HEREFORD UTD. k.o. 3 p.m. Depart Gigg Lane 11 a.m.
Fare £3.75, Juniors £3.00.

★ **TUESDAY, 15th SEPTEMBER**, League Cup,
CARLISLE UNITED k.o. 7.30 p.m. Depart Gigg Lane 5 p.m.
Fare £2.75, Juniors £2.20.

Don't forget, to book for these trips you **MUST** be a Supporters' Association member (Juniors — under 18). Also, remember last season's experience when a large number of fans left it until the last minute to book and were unable to travel. Please, reserve your seat by booking in advance at the Travel office.

We are also hoping to arrange a trip to Wembley on Wednesday, 18th November for the **ENGLAND v HUNGARY** World Cup qualifier. Depart from Gigg Lane 1 p.m., the fare, including standing ticket is just £10.

Anyone interested in going must give his name and £2 deposit to the Travel committee, or at the Travel office before 12th September.

News for all you **JUNIOR SHAKERS** will appear in the next programme.



"Flashback to the Anglo-Scottish Cup tie against Bolton two years ago. Ken Beamish bears down on 'keeper Jim McDonagh, now back with the Wanderers, as the ball narrowly missed the far post. The game ended in a 2-2 draw."

TEAM CHECK

Bury

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